

Onshore Wind Council: Meeting Minutes

Date and Time: 11:30-13:30, Tuesday 24th February 2026

Location: 55 Whitehall Place; Microsoft Teams

Chairs: Minister Michael Shanks, Minister for Energy; Matthieu Hue, CEO EDF Power Solutions

Onshore Wind Council delegates:

Jane Cooper (RenewableUK)	James Robinson (Vestas)
James Robottom (RenewableUK)	David Willmot (NESO)
Claire Mack (Scottish Renewables)	Duncan Law (Community Energy England)
Richard Dunkley (OnPath Energy)	Mike Smyth (Energy4All)
Lisa Christie (Vattenfall)	

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Summary

- The Chairs thanked Council members for their ongoing engagement with the Onshore Wind Strategy and associated actions and addressed onshore wind AR7 results.
- DESNZ provided updates on the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) of the Onshore Wind Strategy actions and presented a dashboard displaying the onshore wind pipeline.
- DESNZ provided policy updates on: aviation and defence, skills, grid connections and supply chains.
- DESNZ presented a paper focussed on increasing deployment of onshore wind in England, concluding that actions committed to in the Onshore Wind Strategy will be key.
- The Industry Delivery Group presented a follow-up paper on options to accelerate onshore wind repowering in the UK. The Council agreed that a clear and consistent approach for repowering is needed across the UK.
- The Council discussed priorities to focus on throughout 2026. Minister Shanks and Matthieu Hue brought the meeting to a close.